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FOR CAMBODIA (ESF) AND LAOS (FEOF)

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1. AS OF COB FEBRUARY 13 OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT
MINISTER JUDITH HART HAS STILL NOT MADE A DECISION ON
UK CONTRIBUTION TO ESF. WHILE ODM WORKING LEVEL NOW
MOST UNWILLING TO PREDICT WHEN SHE WILL TAKE ACTION,
THEY HOPE TO HAVE AT LEAST FURTHER INDICATION OF HER
POSITION BY COB FEBRUARY 18.

2. UNFORTUNATELY, DECISION ON UK CONTRIBUTION OF
700,000 POUNDS TO FEOF FOR CY 1975 HAS ALSO BEEN SUB-
MITTED TO HER AND THE TWO ARE BEING CONSIDERED TOGETHER.
ODM WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS REGRET THAT THIS HAS
HAPPENED AS FEOF WAS ONLY SUBMITTED ON ASSUMPTION THAT
SHE WOULD HAVE TAKEN DECISION ON ESF EARLIER. THOUGH
THEY WERE REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT FEOF CONTRIBUTION
WOULD BE CONTINUED AS MATTER OF COURSE OWING TO LONG
HISTORY OF UK PARTICIPATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FEOF BY
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ALL ELEMENTS OF COALITION GOVERNMENT, THEY ARE NOW

PESSIMISTIC OVER ITS FATE.

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